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SUBJECT: RESULTS SPANISH DEMARCHE RE PLF

REFS: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 702; (B) NOUAKCHOTT 757; (C) FBIS NO 159  
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SUMMARY: SPANISH CHARGE "PLEASED" WITH UNSPECIFIED GIRM RESPONSE  
TO GOS COMPLAINT RE PLF ACTIVITIES IN MAURITANIA. HE BELIEVES  
IT POSSIBLE, BUT NOT PROBABLE, SAHARA LIBERATION MOVEMENTS  
WILL BE REPRESENTED AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

1. FOLLOWING RETURN OF FORMIN EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO  
TALK WITH SPANISH CHARGE RE HIS INSTRUCTIONS (REF A) TO CALL  
UPON THE MINISTER AND REGISTER MADRID'S STRONG OBJECTION TO  
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PLF (POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION  
OF SAGUIET EL HAMRA AND RIO D'ORO) IN MAURITANIA. CHARGE  
PROFESSED TO BE SATISFIED WITH FORMIN'S RESPONSE TO HIS DEMARCHE.  
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HIS SATISFACTION WAS GIVEN MATERIAL EXPRESSION TWO DAYS LATER BY

MADRID'S PROMISE OF TWO AIRCRAFT IN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE  
GIRM REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY GRAIN AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE (REF B).  
CHARGE WAS FAR MORE RELAXED AND CONCILLIATORY TOWARD GIRM  
THAN DURING EARLIER CONVERSATIONS, AND HE READILY ACKNOWLEDGED  
THAT IT WAS VERY HARD TO KEEP UP A GOOD DIPLOMATIC ANGER DURING  
TWO WEEKS INTERVENING BETWEEN RECEIPT DEMARCHE INSTRUCTIONS  
AND FONMIN'S RETURN FROM EXTENDED MID-EAST JUNKET. THE MINISTER,  
HE SAID, HAD IMPRESSED THE CHARGE WITH ELOQUENT MONOLOGUE ON  
THE "SPECIAL HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN MOOR AND SPANIARD.  
BUT, TURNING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PLF IN MAURITANIA,  
FONMIN ADDED THAT MAURITANIA WAS A FREE COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT  
COULD NOT COMPLETELY CONTROL ALL SITUATIONS. COMMENT:  
CHARGE DID NOT INDICATE HIS DEMARCHE HAD PRODUCED ANY SPECIFIC  
COMMITMENT BY GIRM TOWARD CURBING PLF, AND WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT

THAT FONMIN DID MORE THAN MAKE POLITE NOISES.

2. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED WITH CHARGE AFP DISPATCH DATE LINE  
NOUAKCHOTT AUG. 15 WHICH REPORTED THAT PLF HAD CALLED FOR  
ALL LIBERATION ACTIVISTS IN THE "REGION" TO UNITE. ASKED IF  
GOS EXPECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SAHARA LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS TO ATTEND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, CHARGE ACKNOWLEDGED  
QUESTION OF SAHARA WOULD SURELY BE RAISED, BUT THAT IT WAS  
ONLY POSSIBLE AND NOT PROBABLE THERE WOULD BE PLF OR OTHER  
REPRESENTATION. HE REASONED THAT PLF HAS OPENLY CRITICISED  
MOREHOB AND THAT AUGUST 21 MOVEMENT IS INTERESTED ONLY IN  
ANNEXATION OF SPANISH SAHARA BY MOROCCO: THUS, THERE IS LITTLE  
BASIS FOR UNITY AMONG LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IF THERE SHOULD BE A  
SAHARA LIBERATION MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT CONFERENCE  
CHARGE SAID, "WE WILL BE READY FOR THEM." HE DID NOT ELABORATE.  
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